MESSRS. A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK AND P. VENKAPPIAH, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD.—

Q.—12. Will the Government be pleased to state what amount has been spent till the end of February 1922 on the Bhadra Project and when they expect to complete it and allow water for cultivation?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, P. W. DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The amount spent on the project up to the end of February 1922 is Rs. 2,53,122.

It is not possible to fix a definite time for the completion of a work of this nature, but Government hope it will be completed as early as possible.

MESSRS. A. ANANTHIAH, SHIMOGA TALUK AND P. VENKAPPIAH, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD.—

Q.—13. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether arrangements are now completed to run a through train from Shimoga to Mysore? If so, the approximate date when this will be given effect to may be stated.

(*b*) Are the Government aware that a great deal of inconvenience is caused to the travelling public by a non-provision of a through connection from Shimoga to Bangalore and that an early introduction of an E. S. T. through carriage was promised some time ago? Will the Government be pleased to state when this will be given effect to?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(*a*) No arrangements have been made to run a through train from Shimoga to Mysore as the traffic at present is not sufficient to justify it. The question of running a through carriage between Mysore and Shimoga is under correspondence with the M. & S. M. Railway authorities.

(*b*) The M. & S. M. Railway Company have discontinued running a third class through carriage between Shimoga and Bangalore as the load on their Mail Trains does not permit of an additional carriage being attached. As regards upper class passengers, the amount of traffic does not justify the introduction of a through first and second class carriage.

MR. C. RASOOL KHAN, ANJUMAN-E-ISLAMIA, CHIKMAGALUR.—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

What was the amount that was being realised from the sale of Sandalwood and what is the amount that is now being realised, *i.e.*, after it is reserved for Government?

What are the profits derived from the sale of sandal oil up till now and what is the stock of oil on hand?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The attention of the member is invited to the portion in the Dewan's opening address relating to this subject.

MR. MIR MAHOMED SAB, TARIKERE TALUK.—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

I. (*a*) What were the district-war Income and Expenditure of the Forest Department from the year 1900-01 to 1910-11?

(*b*) What was the number of Rangers and Foresters during the above period?

(*c*) What were the Income and Expenditure in the several Ranges during the said period?

II. (*a*) What were the district-war Income and Expenditure of the State during the year 1920-21?

(*b*) What was the number of Rangers and Foresters during the year 1920-21?

(*c*) What were the Income and Expenditure of the several Ranges during the aforesaid year?

III. (*a*) What was the total amount of establishment and travelling allowances spent on the Fuel Supply Scheme during the year 1920-21?

(*b*) What was the quantity of fuel obtained?

(*c*) What was the amount spent on it?

(*d*) What was the rate of cost price per ton of fuel, if the establishment charges and travelling allowances incurred in connection therewith, were also taken into account?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—1. (*a*) The information is available in the published annual Administration Reports of the Department.

(*b*) *Vide* Statement (Appendix 3).

(*c*) Information cannot be furnished owing to changes in the constitution of ranges that have taken place from time to time.

II. (*a*) *Vide* Answer to I (*a*).

(*b*) *Vide* Statement (Appendix 3).

(*c*) *Vide* Answer to I (*c*).

III. (*a*) Salaried establishment,—Rs. 43,805. Separate figures for travelling allowances are not readily available.

(*b*) About 25,000 tons.

(*c*) and (*d*) The information cannot be furnished until the fuel collected has been actually delivered to the Iron Works.

MESSRS. SURYANARAYANA RAO AND HEBBUR RAMANNA, TUMKUR TALUK.—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The total cost incurred for the survey operations and the collection of materials, in connection with the proposed laying out of a Railway line from Nanjangud to Chamarajnagar?

(*b*) The reason why the construction was given up?

(*c*) The use to which the existing materials are proposed to be put and the cost, if any, incurred on account of the supervision of the materials?

(*d*) Would it not be more economical if a Tramway or a Light Railway is substituted for the proposed metre gauge line?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(*a*) About Rs. 93,000.

(*b*) Please refer to reply given to Interpellation No. 9 (1) *supra.*

(*c*) The materials at site consist of stones, ballast and sand which will be used when works are re-started. No cost is incurred in watching the materials.

(*d*) It would not be economical to make a Tramway or Light Railway on a different gauge from the parent line as it would involve separate rolling stock and increase the working expenses.